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# Report on Youth Unemployment

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According to new information by the Economic Policy Institute, the level of youth unemployment is dangerously high. EPI recently analyzed Census Bureau data on youth unemployment over the last year based on race.

The EPI study examines unemployment from the perspective of young high school and college graduates who are unemployed, working part-time when they need full-time work, and those who have given up looking for work. Shockingly, the real unemployment rate for young African American high school graduates is now 51.3 percent. For young Hispanic high school graduates, it is 36.1 percent; and for young white high school graduates it is 33.8 percent.

Even young college graduates are finding it extraordinarily difficult to get a job. The real unemployment rate for young black college graduates is 23 percent; 22.4 percent for Hispanics; and 12.9 percent for whites.

The chart from EPI is below and the accompanying data is attached.

Underemployment rates					
Young High School Grads (17-20)			Young College Grads (21-24)		
White	Black	Hispanic	White	Black	Hispanic
33.8%	51.3%	36.1%	12.9%	23.0%	22.4%